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has been suggested that this should be explained rather as an ablative. The words coördinated by *cum . . . tum* are *cetera* and *senatorum*, the attributives of *frequentia*. Hence the translation should be, 'throngs of people of all kinds and, especially, senators'. To say that 10.33 deals with a "proposal to form a guild or labor union" is a sacrifice of accuracy to a faint coloring of modernity: what Pliny actually wanted to do was to form a volunteer fire department of not more than one hundred and fifty *fabri*.

As to the amount of translation in the notes the editor has shown excellent judgment. He has skillfully gauged the student's capacity. Our aim is that a student should acquire the ability to translate the norm, not the extremely difficult. The average student, if such assistance is not given, will be inclined not to thumb the Lewis and Short for the meaning of a special passage, but will reach his goal by a shorter route. Again, the efficiency of the notes for class-room work is not impaired by subtleties or over-refinement of interpretation. Indeed the great value of the commentary rests just here, in furnishing legitimate help in translating and in being marred by no far-fetched hermeneutic.

The introduction suffers from the same cause as the commentary, undue compression. The student is left to get his ideas of Silver Latin and of Pliny's style, vocabulary and syntax, for example, from little over a page and a half of large-print descriptive matter here and from disconnected notes in the body of the book. The narrow bounds leave no space for more than an annalist's account of Pliny's life. There is no room to create 'atmosphere' by a descriptive treatment. In short, I distrust those little volumes which profess to "offer the help which experience has shown to be requisite". The saving remnant which studies Latin beyond the required courses will find a scholarly book, with a reasonably long and detailed introduction and material in notes and references beyond the mere minimum need, much more useful.

With all mechanical devices for student convenience the book is well equipped. It contains a table of contents, separate indices of subjects, of proper names, of text and notes, a chronological table and topical headings in the introduction in heavy type. The commentary is on the same page with the text, an arrangement undeniably sound if the student's copy is not used in the class room. The printing is good and the volume is attractive. I have noticed a few misprints, particularly in Greek words.

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AMERICAN PHILOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The General Meetings of the American Philological Association, The Archaeological Institute of America and the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis will be held jointly in the city of Wash-

ington, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, December 27, 28, 30, 31, 1912. The programme is in charge of a joint committee consisting of two representatives each of the Association, the Institute and the Society, who at a recent meeting unanimously adopted the outline as here announced.

The Washington Society of the Institute will be the host with the coöperation of the Smithsonian Institution and the Georgetown, George Washington and Catholic Universities. The exercises will be held chiefly in the New Building of the National Museum, Smithsonian Institution. The Raleigh Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th Streets, will be headquarters. Reasonable rates, European and American, can be obtained also at the Ebbitt or the Johnson, and at good boarding houses.

Joint sessions will be held on Friday and Monday evenings. On Saturday evening a general reception will be given by the Washington Society to members and visitors. On Saturday morning meetings will be held in four sections, designated respectively: Semitic and Biblical, Classical Philology, Mediaeval and Renaissance, and American Archaeology. Sessions for papers will be held by the Association Friday and Saturday afternoons and Monday morning and afternoon; by the Institute Friday and Saturday afternoons and Monday morning, and by the Society Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday afternoon. The meeting on Saturday afternoon may be a joint session of the Association and the Institute. Committee meetings have been planned so as not to conflict with the sessions for papers.

The Annual Meeting of the Council of the Institute will be held on Tuesday morning and afternoon, December 31, in the Octagon, in the drawing room adjacent to the Office of the Institute.

Inquiries or communications in regard to the programme or arrangements should be addressed to Frank Gardner Moore, Secretary of the American Philological Association, Columbia University, N. Y., or Mitchell Carroll, General Secretary of the Archaeological Institute, the Octagon, Washington, D. C., or James A. Montgomery, Secretary of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, 6808 Green Street, Germantown, Pa.

Pursuant to Section 467 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, the result of a law passed by Congress on August 24, 1912, I have filed, on behalf of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY, with the Postmaster of New York City, two copies of a sworn statement, certifying that the Editor of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY is Gonzalez Lodge; the Managing Editor and the Business Manager, Charles Knapp; the Publisher and the Owner, The Classical Association of the Atlantic States. The sworn statement also gave the information about the times of publication of the paper which appears regularly on the last page of each issue.

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